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## POSTAL REPORT.

The annual report of First Assistant Postmaster General Heath shows an increase of more than \$6,000,000 in general business during the fiscal year. This year there were 27,798,078 domestic money orders issued, against 25,169,055 last year; the amount carried was \$101,354,121, against \$174,482,676. There were 2,358 new money-order offices established.

He also makes some excellent suggestions for the improvement of the service, which must commend themselves to everyone having any familiarity with postal affairs. Among them THE OPTIC especially commends the following:

Mr. Heath recommends that clerks in postoffices be classified and placed upon a fixed scale of salaries similar to that of letter-carriers, so as to give fair prospects of advancement and certainty of compensation. At present there is no rule or system for the grading of clerks at postoffices. It is contended that an efficient postoffice clerk is the peer of a letter-carrier, and that there should be no discrimination in the pay or privileges accorded to either class.

The abolition of small postoffices contiguous to a large office having free delivery, and the establishment of stations and sub-stations in lieu thereof, Mr. Heath says, has been found to result not only in a vastly improved public service, but in a substantial saving in expenses, and he desires authority to continue this plan.

Authority is asked to make the clerk-hire appropriation apply to all classes of postoffices. At present an allowance for clerk hire can be given to only first and second class postmasters.

Free delivery was extended during the fiscal year to fifty-nine offices. Additional offices entitled to free delivery number 110. During the current fiscal year service has been established at thirty-four of these offices and he asks an appropriation for salaries of carriers of \$14,612,300.

He recommends a repeal of the law requiring the use of the present form of money order, in the interest of safety and simplicity, and also authorization for the use of a postal check payable to bearer.

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## EDITORIAL PITH.

A pet parrot bit the lip of Actress Minnie Hauk so badly that she is compelled to live in seclusion. The bird was perhaps jealous of its mistress' talking powers, suggests the Denver Post.

According to the St. Louis Republic, Patil's affianced husband conducts a gymnasium in London and is renowned for his muscular development, but he is probably more than willing in this case to give up the dumb bells for the wedding chimes.

The Mexican Herald says a charming Mexican lady exclaimed, the other day: "Happy times of my youth, when we never had heard of microbes and led a germless life!" Too much knowledge has given a melancholy cast to modern life, and the microbe is the biggest, or littlest, bore of all.

The Indianapolis Journal says Emperor William's contemplated visit to Spain is evidently off. The time was ill-chosen and the visit, if made, would have been universally misconstrued in spite of assurances that it had no political significance. As it has turned out, his abrupt change of plan will probably tend to convince Spain of the utter hopelessness of intervention from any quarter, and may hasten the conclusion of the peace negotiations.

A new biscuit has been manufactured for use in the French army. It is made by adding 33 parts of gluten to 100 parts of wheat flour and a small quantity of fat. The whole is dried in an oven, with an addition of sugar syrup, and then compressed into biscuits. It looks as if military despotism in France was doomed to die a lingering and excruciatingly painful death. Or perhaps the biscuits are used in the rapid-fire guns, remarks the Los Angeles Express.

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THE educational qualification in order to vote for members of the lower house, Hawaiian legislature, is all right, but the property qualification in order to vote for members of the upper house is all wrong. Nothing could be more contrary to the fundamental principles of the American constitution.

THE American steamship line, which carries the American flag but does not belong to American people, has just ordered four big passenger steamers for the Belgian-American trade, from two English ship-building firms, thus placing an American \$10,000,000 order in Britain, while American ship yards are clamoring for business.

## FLEEING CATTLE BARON.

Gillette the Kansas Bankrupt Seen in Las Vegas Yesterday

Grant Gillette, the Kansas City, Kan., beef baron and speculation plunger, who failed a few days ago for over \$1,000,000 and then skipped out, is thought to have been in Las Vegas yesterday. At any rate a party fully answering the published descriptions of Gillette and greatly resembling the pictures given of him in the Kansas City papers, arrived in the city Sunday afternoon and registered at the New Optic hotel as "S. D. Montgomery, Patton, N. M." He had a valise and a box with him, and he had not been long about the hotel before his conduct excited the suspicions of both the landlord and his wife, Colonel and Mrs. Hutchison. He was attired upon arrival in the height of fashion and his valise was chock full of costly apparel including silk underwear, but the box he requested Landlord Hutchison to aid him in breaking open, contained a regulation cowboy equipment which the visitor lost no time in donning. He kept his room closely, was very non-communicative, and took No. 17 on the A. T. & S. F. yesterday afternoon for the south, still wearing his cowboy costume. Colonel Hutchison feels quite confident that the mysterious stranger is really Gillette, the much wanted.

### A NARROW ESCAPE!

A harrowing scene which for the space of a few seconds struck dumb the men and petrified beyond the screaming point those of the gentle sex who were standing by, occurred at the depot Sunday. The switch engine which was busily engaged pushing the cars around the yard and coupling onto the two cars which usually form the Hot Springs train came down tearing upon the main track. All of a sudden a small object was noticed in the center of the track all unaware of the approaching danger; the engineer had no time to stop; the little object was struck and knocked down in the center of the track; it tried to get up and was knocked down again, a second and a third attempt resulted the same way, a fourth attempt resulting in the little thing lying cold and helpless just inside the track. The engine and cars passed by a couple of hundred yards before a bystander caught his breath sufficiently to approach the trembling and apparently lifeless object on the track and stooped to pick it up when—the pet poodle picked himself up and scampered away.

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### PROF JORDAN TALKS.

Prof. Jordan, principal of the New Mexico Agricultural College and Experimental Station, was a passenger south last night, being on his way to Las Cruces from Washington City, where he attended the annual meeting of the agricultural experimenters from all parts of the country. He said the meeting was largely attended and proved profitable to all. Speaking of the sub-stations Prof. Jordan said it had now become the settled policy of the government not to contribute a dollar of the funds derived from the national treasury toward the support of these sub-stations, such as exists here at Las Vegas. He thought, however, it was a good idea to keep these stations in operation and he suggested that the Territorial legislature might well afford to appropriate funds for this purpose.

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